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Commission Continues Discussion of Strategic Planning

The Fair Political Practices Commission on Wednesday (October 12) will continue its in-depth discussion of strategic planning for future years.

The commission's regular monthly meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the FPPC's eighth-floor hearing room at 428 J St. (Fifth and J Streets) in Sacramento.

At the meeting, strategic planning issues will be discussed by representatives of three FPPC divisions: Enforcement, Legal and Technical Assistance. Memos discussing the divisions' functions and ideas for strategic plan components have been prepared for the Commission and are attached to the meeting agenda on the FPPC's website. (See agenda item #16.)

The commission has taken many steps to improve efficiency — including the creation of several expedited enforcement programs — but it is still facing significant resource and staffing challenges. As part of the planning process, commissioners have been discussing the FPPC's current resources, overall mission, previous accomplishments and recommendations, and potential goals for improving services to the public and regulated community. The FPPC's strategic plan was last revised in 1998-99, although annual planning objectives have been adopted in subsequent years.

The commission also will consider a number of other agenda items. These include:

- Twenty enforcement cases. (See agenda items #3-#15.)
- Proposed regulations intended to clarify the process by which the Commission may exempt certain agencies from having to adopt a conflict-of-interest code. (See agenda item #17.)
- Proposed regulations to expressly provide that in a conflict-of-interest enforcement proceeding, it is the respondent's burden to establish that the

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“public generally” or “legally required participation” rules apply as affirmative defenses. (See agenda item 18.)

- A proposed 2006 calendar for new or amended FPPC regulations. (See agenda item #19.)

The FPPC meeting agenda also includes a report on legislation and other business.

The agenda and supporting memoranda and materials are posted on the FPPC’s website at www.fppc.ca.gov. Just click on “Agendas” on the left side of the home page and go to “Current Agenda.” The agenda is posted on the website 10 days before the meeting, and letters commenting on agenda items are also posted when received.

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